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11. Poloff met with Attorney Ana Hernandez of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), representing the Office of United Nations and International Organizations, and pressed for Philippine support for the anti-rape resolution without amendments, as cited in reftel A. Ms. Hernandez said that the Philippine delegation in New York was "confused" by the number of amendments; poloff responded that this was additional cause to support the amendment as originally submitted with 61 cosponsors, disregarding distracting resolutions. Ms. Hernandez reported that the Philippine delegation to the U.N. was still studying the issue and would maintain contact if it had questions.

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